

REMARKS

I. Disposition of the Claims

Claims 5-6, 20, and 22-24 are allowed.

II. Statement about the Amendment

The amendment to the specification merely corrects formal matters, i.e., the claim for priority.

III. Formal Matters

Attached herewith is a certified copy of French application No. 97/15,396; an English language translation of French application No. 97/15,396; and a declaration of Dr. Parrish, who translated French application No. 97/15,396 into English.

IV. General Comments

Private PAIR is believed to contain inaccurate information, namely, the "PCT Filed:" states that International Application No. PCT/FR98/02634, was filed December 5, 1998, when it was filed on December 4, 1998. Correction is requested.

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V. Conclusion


In the event the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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